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Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of September 21, 1964, regarding the investigation that was conducted concerning the possibility that Lee Harvey Oswald had some affiliation with various subversive underground activities. You indicated that the Commission is concerned that its records contain an indication of the scope of the investigation which this Bureau conducted into these particular matters and a clear statement of the results of that investigation.

In connection with the first matter mentioned in your letter, please be advised that we made a complete review of our files, both at Headquarters and in each of our offices, and we also made a nation-wide canvass of all of our security informants to determine if there was any evidence that Lee Harvey Oswald was at any time a member of or otherwise affiliated with the Communist Party, USA, the Socialist Workers Party, or any other extreme leftist organization. Results of such file reviews and canvass of all of our security informants have been fully reported to the Commission as has all other investigation we have conducted in this particular matter.

You will note in our letter of April 30, 1964, we assured you that the Commission has been furnished all information developed by this Bureau concerning the associations of Lee Harvey Oswald with any communist or subversive organization and that all informants of this Bureau had been contacted for any information they could furnish concerning any connection Oswald may have had with

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the Communist Party. This same statement is true as of the current date. All information this Bureau has developed in this particular matter has been furnished to the Commission.

In regard to the second matter in your letter, our statement in our letter of May 26, 1964, indicating this Bureau had "thoroughly explored" the question "of possible contacts between Lee Harvey Oswald and any representative of or known sympathizer with the Castro Government of Cuba" and that "no information has been developed indicating Oswald was controlled, directed or employed by any individual so identified" is also true as of the current date. The scope of our inquiries upon which such statement is based includes a check of our files, both at Headquarters and in each of our offices and a canvass of all of our security informants on a nation-wide basis.

In connection with your request that you be furnished similar information in regard to the possibility that Lee Harvey Oswald at any time had contacts with persons or organizations active in underground activities directed against the Government of Premier Fidel Castro, please be advised that complete results of all of our investigation in this particular matter has also been furnished to the Commission. The scope of such investigation conducted in this particular matter includes a check of our files, both at Headquarters and in our offices and a canvass of all of our security informants on a nation-wide basis.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE:

Commission is winding up its investigation and wants assurances that all information developed by this Bureau concerning possibility Lee Harvey Oswald had some affiliation with various subversive underground activities has been furnished to Commission. Commission also desires to know the scope of our investigation in ascertaining such data concerning Oswald. We have conducted extensive investigation regarding this particular point and have furnished results to the Commission. We have informed the Commission of Oswald's contacts with individuals associated with the Communist Party, the Socialist Labor Party, the Fair Play for

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Cuba Committee, the "Worker" and the "Militant" and the Emergency Civil Liberties Union. We have interviewed numerous officials connected with each of these organizations and results of such interviews have been furnished to the Commission. Commission has also been given copies of all available correspondence exchanged between Oswald and these organizations. We have left no stone unturned in this particular phase of our investigation and have furnished the Commission all of our investigation in order that it can arrive at its conclusions in this matter.